

St. Edith Finance Council

Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2023

Attendees: Fr. Jim McNulty, Tom Debolski, Tom O'Meara, Greg Laskowsky, Judy O'Meara, Rick Nork, John Brady

Absent: Maureen Szczypka

1. The meeting began at 7:00 P.M. with a prayer by Judy O'Meara.
2. It was moved by Greg Laskowsky and seconded by Tom Debolski to approve the October 17, 2023, minutes.
3. Financial Statement Review - (4) months ending 10/31/2023.
Tom O'Meara reported that the school consolidated profit was \$179,651 (net of favorable timing differences of \$52,925). The church loss was \$103,326 (net of unfavorable timing differences of \$20,693).
4. CSA Update.
Tom O'Meara reported that as of November 20, 2023, we have received pledges of \$140,709 toward our goal of \$148,576, or 95% of our goal.
5. Ceiling Tiles.
Bob Calleja provided Fr. Jim with a quote from Home Depot to purchase new ceiling tiles for the gathering area and back of the church. The cost of the new waterproof tiles is \$6,500.00. The finance council approved the purchase.
6. Capital Projects—Current and Proposed—Status.
Greg Laskowsky stated that he and Bob Calleja are in the process of finalizing the number of new flood lights that will be needed for the parking lot. Greg mentioned that the cost of lights and labor should be considerably less than the quote that was received in September. When Greg and Bob finalize the number of lights needed as well as their brightness and proper placement, a recommendation for approval will be presented to the Finance Council for approval.
7. General Discussion.
 - (a) Tom O'Meara asked for clarification of the Mass attendance as noted in the September Parish Council Minutes. John Brady reported that the ushers did a count of the average weekly Mass attendance for the month of October, 2023. Prior to COVID, the average weekly attendance was 1,326. The current average weekly Mass attendance is 1,040 or 78% of previous COVID numbers.
 - (b) John Brady brought up for discussion the condition of the piano bench in the church. This topic as well as the poor condition of the upholstery on the pews was also discussed, but no action on either topic was taken at this time.

8. Fr. Jim's Comments.

- (a) Fr. Jim reported that there was a corporate meeting with the AOD. The AOD requires that each parish is to prepare an updated inventory of its facility. Fr. Jim said that St. Edith will do a video of its inventory, just as St. Edith has done in the past.
- (b) Fr. Jim stated that the AOD is setting up a Family Finance Council. Fr. Denis will be the Chairperson for the Pope Francis Family of Parishes. Tom O'Meara agreed to be a member of the Council

9. The meeting ended at 8:13 P.M. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy O'Meara

REMINDER: There is NO MEETING in December.

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 16,2024